

NEW BRIDGES

| An Update from Matt and Hannah Bridges |

A Note from Matt:

Hey everyone! Lot's of new things happening in the next couple of months. It was great to be able to visit the States again, get some new perspectives, relax, and visit Hannah's family. We went to Tybee beach, which was great, even though I got really sunburned! While we were in Georgia, we were able to visit with some elders and mentors to ask for advice on big upcoming decisions. This was very helpful, because it felt like God was answering our prayers and giving us direction. Things in life change all the time. No one knows this better than missionaries. What matters isn't what happens to you, but rather, how you respond to it. Please keep us in your prayers, and see you in Georgia!



USA Trip and Big News!

The month of April brings many things, but one of the most exciting things in Central American culture is a week called Semana Santa, which in English means "Holy Week." Much like our celebration of Easter, people throughout Honduras celebrate the resurrection of Christ, however they take off an entire week for it! This Semana Santa, Matt and I were able to take a trip to the United States. While we were in the States we got to visit with my family in the Atlanta area, and we also got to take a much needed beach vacation on Tybee Island where we both got very sunburned and Matt built an epic sand castle. We went to the States this month with the hopes of raising additional funds to continue our work in Honduras. However, we were unable to do so. After lots of prayer and discussions with each other and with



Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we adjust to these exciting new changes coming in the next couple months!
- Continue to pray for the deaf school, ESPERO and the growth and development of the students.
- Please pray for one of the students, Flavia, who recently had stomach surgery.

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mentors, Matt and I have made the decision to move back to the States in July of this year. While this decision was very difficult, Matt and I feel very confident this is the direction in which God is directing us. We're very excited for what our future holds in Atlanta! More than anything, our time in the States made us feel EXTREMELY grateful for the people we have in our lives, but mostly grateful to Christ for his very clear hand in our lives.

Happy Birthday, Digna!

Nothing in Honduras is ever done half ways, including surprise birthday parties. The day after Matt and I returned to Santa Rosa, we got to go to a birthday party for one of our deaf friends, Digna, who turned 22! The school threw her a huge surprise party, inviting not only her friends and family, but also all the driver's that drive the truck for the school route, Matt and I, and Phil and Donna Waldron! We were thrilled to be able to celebrate such a wonderful and kind girl with a well deserved party to show her how appreciated and loved she is. Digna is an extremely intelligent and talented young lady (She works as a seamstress in town at a store that has become a hub for the deaf community!) We are very blessed to be able to work with such an incredible ministry, see the growth in our friends, and celebrate with them as they continue to work and grow in their studies and in Christ! Happy Birthday, Digna!

